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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 November 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 25-27 and 31-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 25-27 and 31-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment(s), filed on 11/20/2009, have been entered and made of record. Claims 25-27 and 31-33 are pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed 11/20/2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

For **claim 25**, Applicant asserts that Abram et al. (US 6432778) does not teach or suggest a remotely located map service server including data that indicates whether a landmark is observable from specific geographic coordinates and if the geographic coordinates associated with at least one of the plurality of pictures are determined to be coordinates from which the landmark is observable. Respectfully, the Examiner disagrees. In col. 6, lines 19-56, Abram teaches, "...The digital imaging device also receives location information from a location determination device, such as a GPS (stage 920). The location information received may be, for example, longitudinal and latitudinal coordinates of the location of the camera when the image was acquired. The coordinates may be associated with the file as is (stage 924), in which case the coordinates are simply linked to the image data (stage 926)...The coordinate information may also be used to obtain graphical map information derived from the map data, supplied to the device on, for example, a replaceable memory cartridge. Accordingly, the rejections to claims 25-27 and 31-33 are maintained.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

4. **Claims 25, 27, and 31** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Abram et al. (US #6432778).

For **claim 25**, Abram teaches a computer-readable recording medium encoded with a computer program that performs a method, the method comprising:

obtaining data from a camera removably connected to a computer platform the obtained data indicating geographic coordinates associated with each of a plurality of pictures taken by the camera (col. 3, lines 39-67; col. 6, lines 16-56);

requesting from a remotely located map service server (GPS) a municipality name corresponding to the geographic coordinates associated with each of the plurality of pictures (col. 6, lines 16-56); the remotely located map service server including data that indicates whether a landmark is observable from specific geographic coordinates (col. 6, lines 16-56); and

if the geographic coordinates associated with at least one of the plurality of pictures are determined to be coordinates from which the landmark is observable based on the data included in the remotely located map service server, receiving data indicating a name of the landmark (col. 6, lines 16-56). Also see figs. 3 and 9.

For **claim 27**, Abram teaches the method of Claim 25 wherein the camera is removably connected to the computer platform with a wireless connection (col. 3, lines 39-67).

Claim 31 is a computer-readable recording medium encoded with a computer program that performs a method claim corresponding to claim 25. However, claim 31 recites,

“...requesting from a remotely located map service server a municipality name corresponding to the geographic coordinates *associated with the picture...*” Claim 31 is analyzed and rejected as previously discussed with respect to claim 25.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

6. **Claims 26, 32, and 33** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Abram et al. (US #6432778) in view of Pelletier (US Pat. #6,690,883).

For **claim 26**, Abram teaches the method of Claim 25 wherein the camera is removably connected to the computer platform (col. 3, lines 39-67). However Abram does not expressly teach a method wherein the camera is removably connected to the computer platform with a USB cable.

In a similar field of endeavor, Pelletier teaches a method wherein the camera is removably connected to the computer platform with a USB cable (col. 3, lines 35-48; col. 4, lines 35-56). . In light of the teaching of Pelletier, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the method of Abram with the USB cable as recited in claim 26 in order to provide a method with alternative network/communication connections (Pelletier, col. 3, lines 35-48).

For **claim 32**, Abram teaches the method of Claim 31. However Abram does not expressly teach the method further comprising: adding the name of the landmark to the picture.

In a similar field of endeavor, Pelletier teaches a method further comprising: adding the name of the landmark to the picture (col. 7, lines 48-54; col. 8, lines 42-62; col. 9, lines 7-11). . In light of the teaching of Pelletier, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the method of Abram with the adding the name of the landmark as recited in claim 32 in order allow the user to optimize the self annotating techniques as taught in Pelletier (col. 3, line 18 - col. 4, line 56).

For **claim 33**, Abram teaches the method of Claim 31 adding the municipality name to the picture (col. 6, lines 37-56). However Abram does not expressly teach the method further comprising: adding the name of the landmark and the municipality name to the picture.

In a similar field of endeavor, Pelletier teaches a method further comprising: adding the name of the landmark and the municipality name to the picture (col. 3, line 18 - col. 4, line 56; col. 7, lines 48-54; col. 8, lines 42-62; col. 9, lines 7-11). In light of the teaching of Pelletier, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the method of Abram with the adding the name of the landmark and the municipality name as recited in claim 33 in order allow the user to optimize the self annotating techniques as taught in Pelletier (col. 1, lines 39-63; col. 3, line 18 - col. 4, line 56).

Conclusion

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO

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MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carramah J. Quiett whose telephone number is (571)272-7316. The examiner can normally be reached on 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David L. Ometz can be reached on (571)272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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